

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	Mazzurco, et al.	Docket:	135816
Serial No.:	09/858,098	Art Unit:	2633
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Title:	Optical Shared Protection Ring For Multiple Spans		

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action ("Office Action") dated December 21, 2005, please enter the following amendment: